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1. AMBASSADOR MANALO, ASEAN SECRETARIAT, HAS CONFIRMED THAT
ASEAN WAS UNABLE TO SCHEDULE DURING JULY A PREPARATORY MEET-
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ING FOR US-ASEAN DIALOG (AS REPORTED REF B). ATTENTION OF
ASEAN COUNTRIES IS NOW FIXED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON KL
AUGUST SUMMIT AND SUBSEQUENT CONSULTATIONS WITH PRIME
MINISTERS OF JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.

2. GOP HAS NOT FOCUSED ON FOUR SUGGESTION
PAPERS RECENTLY PROVIDED BY US, AND THIS PROBABLY HOLDS TRUE

FOR OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES AS WELL. MRS. MANALO NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT INTEREST IN DIALOGUE WITH US REMAINS VERY KEEN WITHIN ASEAN AND ONLY INTENSE PRESSURE OF IMMEDIATE BUSINESS HAS PREVENTED CLOSER STUDY OF AGENDA. TWO PREPARATORY MEETINGS ARE PLANNED FOR AUGUST, AND WILL BE SCHEDULED DURING THE SUMMIT MEETING.

3. MRS. MANALO LEAVES FOR KUALA LUMPUR JULY 27 TO PARTICIPATE IN SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING WHICH WILL PRECEDE THE SUMMIT. SHE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN VIEWING AND DISCUSSING HEGINBOTHAM VIDEO TAPE, AND EMBASSY PLANS TO ARRANGE SHOWING AFTER HER RETURN ON AUGUST 10 OR 11.

4. REGARDING ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS' RECENT MEETING WITH GOJ OFFICIALS IN TOKYO, MRS. MANALO CLAIMS JAPAN MADE NO ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS TO ASEAN. GOJ OFFICIALS DID REPEAT THEIR CONDITIONAL COMMITMENT OF \$1 BILLION DOLLARS TO FIVE ASEAN INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS, BUT ONLY IF FEASIBILITY STUDIES PROVED THESE PROJECTS VIABLE.
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